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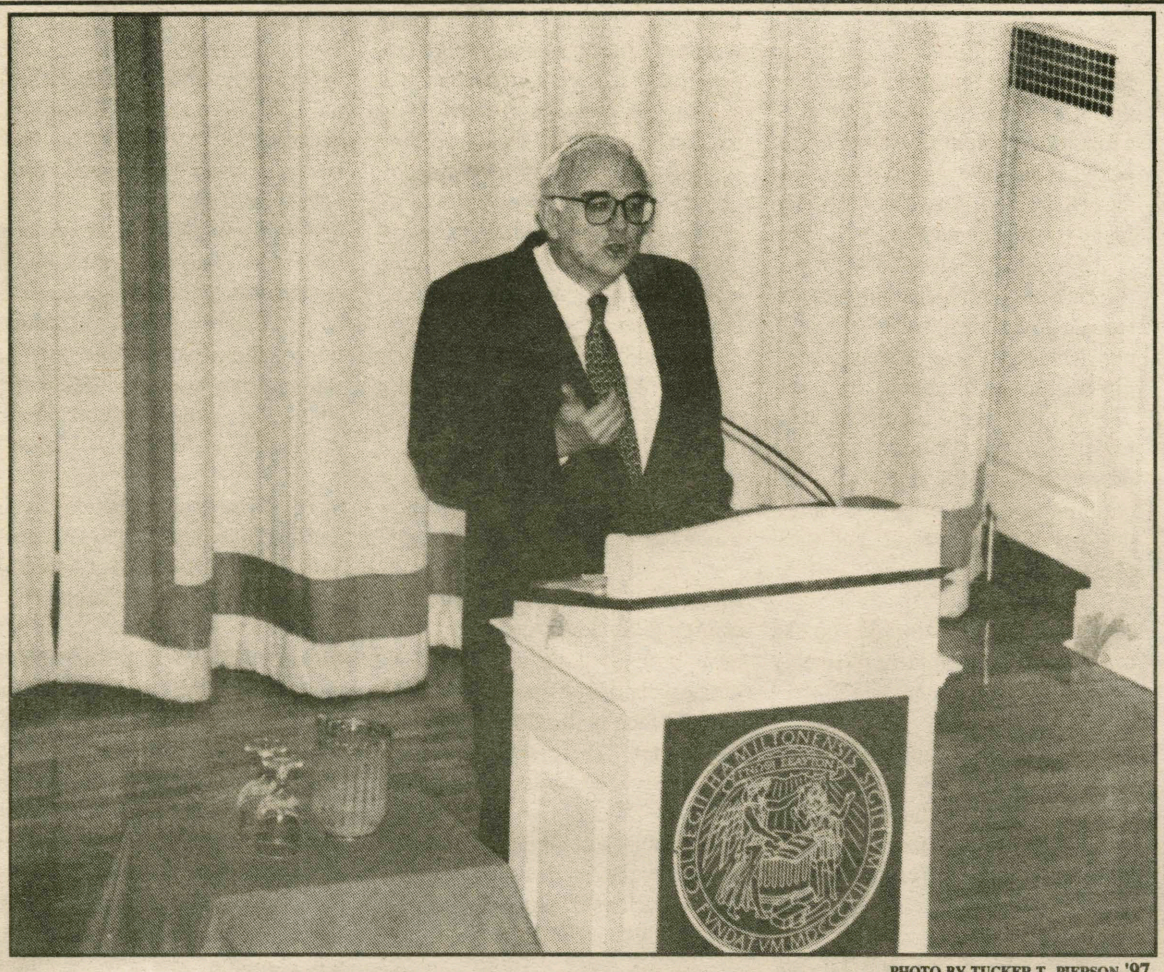

PHOTO BY TUCKER T. PIERSON '97

Les Aspin discussed the changing role of the U.S. military in his Tuesday night lecture.

Former Secretary of Defense Les Aspin speaks on campus

By Matthew Nolan '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although his plane arrived a little late, former Secretary of Defense Les Aspin delivered a timely and hard-hitting lecture last Tuesday night.

Speaking to a packed audience in the Chapel, Aspin talked about the changing role of the United Sates in various areas of the world. Focusing on "huge changes" in the structure of the post cold-war world, Aspin spoke about many areas of the world that current U.S. policy is affected by. Citing places such as Haiti, Bosnia, and Somalia as examples, he said that the driving forces behind U.S. foreign policy are rapidly changing.

The reshuffling the world order have had a tremendous influence on U.S. foreign policy. He noticed that the largest and most difficult question for the government to answer is how to deal with the different troubled areas of the world. With tens of "hot spots" in the world today it is very difficult to ascertain which areas of the world need U.S. intervention. The U.S. military, he said, is being called upon for a wide variety of purposes, transforming its role

Traditionally the military has had two roles in the United States. The first, to protect national interests, and second to protect the interests of the United States. But with new situations such as intervention in Haiti, Somalia, and Rwanda, this role is being expanded to include protecting the values of the United States as well. Aspin said that on the whole, "getting the U.S. military involved in these situations is new." History has seen the military take various roles, but they were in fact military or tactical missions. Most recently they have been peace-keeping, peace-making, and police roles.

The oldest of the three roles, the protection of citizens and territory has also changed according to Aspin. The specter of the U.S.S.R. is gone, but in it's place the military must protect our borders from the "threats of terrorism and drugs." Protection of national interest has developed into a larger role of the military. To illustrate this point, Aspin referred to the Gulf War and the reasoning behind it as a result of vested national interests. The military is "being called to protect and defend our values," he said.

This protective role is the reason U.S. soldiers went to Somalia, Haiti, and Rwanda. The common values that people shouldn't be starving and that democracy should be reinstated are U.S. values that the military enforces. Aspin stated that this new job of the military is in essence to go where the people are most worried about. The public opinion, he said, is one of the most influencial factors in deciding how the government re-

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Ad hoc committee created in aftermath of hockey incident

Doll-throwing students apologize, story draws outside media coverage

By Gabriel Meyer '96
NEWS EDITOR

An incident in which two Hamilton students threw an inflatable, African-American doll onto the rink at a hockey game three weeks ago continues to be the focus of much attention. Other debris, including oranges, live mice, and dead rats, were also thrown onto the ice at that game.

An ad hoc committee has been formed to recommend measures to combat racist and sexist actions and attitudes. The school administration announced last Friday that admission to tonight's hockey game against Hobart College will be limited to families of team members.

The two students responsible for throwing the doll three weeks ago publicly apologized for their actions in a letter printed in *The Daily Bull* last Tuesday.

The doll-throwing incident has also drawn considerable attention from the surrounding community. Several local newspapers reported the event and Channel 2 News in Utica aired a story on it during its 6 o'clock news broadcast on Wednesday. The broadcast featured Hamilton Hockey Coach Phil Grady, as well as one of the students responsible for throwing the doll.

In addition, several newspapers from outside this region, including *USA Today* and *The Boston Globe* made mention of the incident.

Ad hoc committee formed

A resolution to create an ad hoc committee to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents was approved at a faculty meeting last Tuesday. The committee consists of various members of the school administration including President Eugene Tobin, as well as faculty and athletic department representatives. Its aim, as stated in the resolution, is to, "propose concrete steps—curricular and extra-curricular—designed to combat racist and sexist attitudes and actions at Hamilton."

The committee is expected to release a report by next April.

"The hockey game incident bespeaks an atmosphere here at Hamilton that none of us wish to sanction," said Associate Professor of Religion Stephenson Humphries-Brooks at the faculty meeting. "I suspect a larger trend than generally acknowledged has been occurring on a regular basis for many years."

Associate Professor of English Vincent Odamtten commented, "We

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Edelson and Reichgott win Student Assembly Election

By Walter Addison March '95
NEWS STAFF WRITER

This past Wednesday, 778 Hamilton College students voted in the Student Assembly elections. The winners, by a margin of 464 to 310 votes, were Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates Andrew Edelson '97 and Marty Reichgott '95.

According to the Office of the Registrar there were a possible 1649 voters which means that approximately 47 percent of the student body voted

Of the votes cast, 60 percent were for Edelson and Reichgott, and 40 percent for presidential and vice presidential contenders Jason Andris '96 and Jared Bowling '96.

After the election, Andris said "Everyone ran a good campaign. I had hoped we would win, of course, but I am sure the winners will do a good job."

Reichgott stated "Andrew will make a great president. He is in touch with a lot of people." Edelson said, of his opponent, "Jason Andris has had the best of intentions for Hamilton. He really wants to make Hamilton a better place."

The newly elected officers plan to carry out their four major goals

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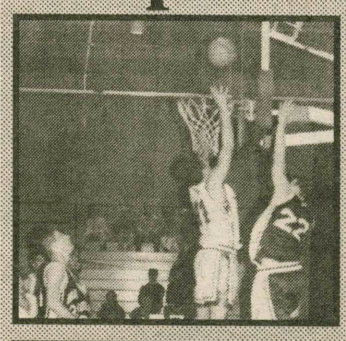

Men's Hoops face tough road ahead. See the back page.

Outgoing Student Assembly President and Vice President reflect upon term in office

By Eli Koppel '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

McLloyd Onwubere '95 and Bill Russell '95 will be ending their term as president and vice president terms respectively.

Onwubere was student class president as a sophomore, vice president of the school junior year, and is presently the president of the Student Assembly.

Russell was treasurer of the class for his first two years, treasurer of the school the next, and now is finishing his term as vice president of student assembly.

Their focused platform of constitutional changes and increased communication among organizations have fostered positive changes within the Student Assembly and Hamilton campus. Both plan to enter the fields of investment banking after Hamilton.

Spec: What were the greatest challenges that you faced while in office?

MO: We didn't inherit a system. When we took the jobs as president and vice president, we thought that the structure of the Student Assembly needed a lot of change. We attempted to bring about a lot of factions and bring them together to talk and communicate so that students can work towards solving important issues.

BR: One of the biggest challenges we had was realizing the problems we had at Hamilton. We had to motivate people into project teams to assess and find solutions for some of these problems on campus. It is so easy to get trapped in the status quo. We came in and had some critical views to try and change things around.

Spec: What do you feel are your greatest accomplishments while in office?

BR: The formation of the Community Conference Committee. The CCC enabled groups outside Student Assembly to become more involved and feel empowered in Student Aassembly. We brought organizations that had no say on Student Assembly before, and put them in a position where they can make important contributions to decision-making.

MO: We have initiated a committee that has at least begun a format to assist the new administration to finish what we have started which was the constitution. There has also been many internal changes as well. One of the problems before our term was the lack of communication between student government and the community. There have been numerous committees formed to address this issue, one of these being the public relations committee. There has also been project teams that have produced oral requirements, transcript credits, lottery parking, debit cards, and meal plans.

Spec: What changes would you like to see made in the Student Assembly in the future?

MO: The constitution needs to be totally revamped. In order for student government to be really effective at Hamilton, we need direct representation. We need each student to feel that they are part of a system. We don't have that here.

Rather, we have a lot of bureaucratically fragmented groups and organizations that are part of government. We need to streamline the student government so decision making is more efficient.

BR: My hope is that the Student Assembly becomes much more empowered. It's very important that students are given more responsibility and opportunity to define their social lives and college experiences.

Along with that, Student Assembly must encourage students to become more involved with the community and take more responsibility into their hands. There is definitely a need to go back to a simplistic form of government that will provide for more efficient decision making.

Spec: What do you foresee as the greatest challenges facing the new leaders of Student Assembly?

MO: Bill and I have spent time changing Student Assembly. We have brought it up a notch. The greatest challenge that the new leaders will face is the Residential Life Committee. There is definitely going to be a need for leadership.

Spec: What role should the Student Assembly play in instituting the recommendations from the Residential Life Study?

BR: The role should be huge. Many people of Student Assembly are the opinion leaders on the campus. Once the implementations are made, they are made.

It is the job of the Student Assembly to take the ball and run. The Student Assembly will definitely need to lead the rest of the campus on this issue.

MO: I do not think that the Residential Life Committee will hand out a decision until they figure out all the intricacies on how to have a preferable system put into place.

It is going to be more of a broad system and have it handed down to student life. The student government has to be involved in the implementation of these plans. The only way students are going to accept these changes are if there is a collaborative effort with students.

Spec: If you could go back a year ago and start over again as President and Vice President of Student Assembly, what would you do differently?

MO and BR: We would have started the revision of the constitution much earlier. We did not finish the constitution, but we addressed the issue, and people realized that it needed to be changed.

Hopefully, the revisions of the constitution by the new leaders of Student Assembly as well as the independent constitution committee will continue. The new constitution will allow for a much more efficient student government that will allow for greater student power and increased communication within the community.

Corrections:

An article in last week's issue of *The Spectator* ("Mannequin throwing incident at hockey game met with disapproval by community") misreported the date of the hockey game in which the doll was thrown. The game took place on Friday November 18, not Saturday November 19. The article misidentified Hamilton's opponent as Wesleyan College. The oppposing team was in fact, Wesleyan University.

General Manager of WHCL and Chair of Publications Board elected

By Eric Martin '97
NEWS EDITOR

The Executive Board of WHCL elected Trip MacCracken '96 as the next General Manager of the College's radio station.

"I'm very excited to have this chance to implement some of the ideas that I have for WHCL", said MacCracken, who has experience in different jobs at the radio station. In addition to co-hosting a radio show and engineering sports events, MacCracken served as WHCL's Production Director in the spring of 1993.

MacCracken was elected General Manager by the Executive Board of WHCL. This Executive Board election marks the first time, since an amendment was passed by the Publications Board last October, that the General Manager of WHCL was not elected by the Publications Board. "I'm extremely eager to begin working next semester with the new Executive Board", said MacCracken. "I'm looking forward to continuing the improvement of WHCL which has been steadily increasing."

At a meeting Wednesday night, the Publications Board elected T.Cary Devorsetz '96 as the Publications Board Chair.

Devorsetz, formerly Program Director at WHCL and Advertising Manager of *The Spectator*, looks forward to "increasing interest and involvement with Hamilton College student publications."

One of his primary goals is "to work with the administration toward restructuring the Pub Board offices on the third floor of Bristol in order to maximize space and increase efficiency."

Bonnie Carr '95, the outgoing Pub. Board Chair said of Devorsetz, "We're all confident that he will do an excellent job." .

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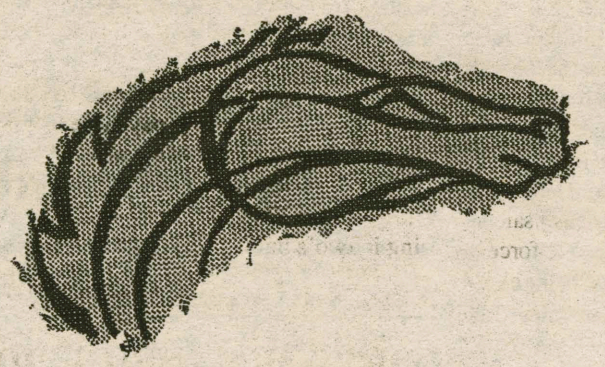

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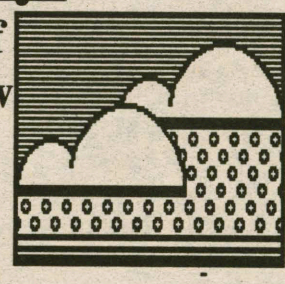

Sunday:
Flurries. Lows in the teens. Highs 20 to 32.

Edelson and Reichgott outline S. A. agenda

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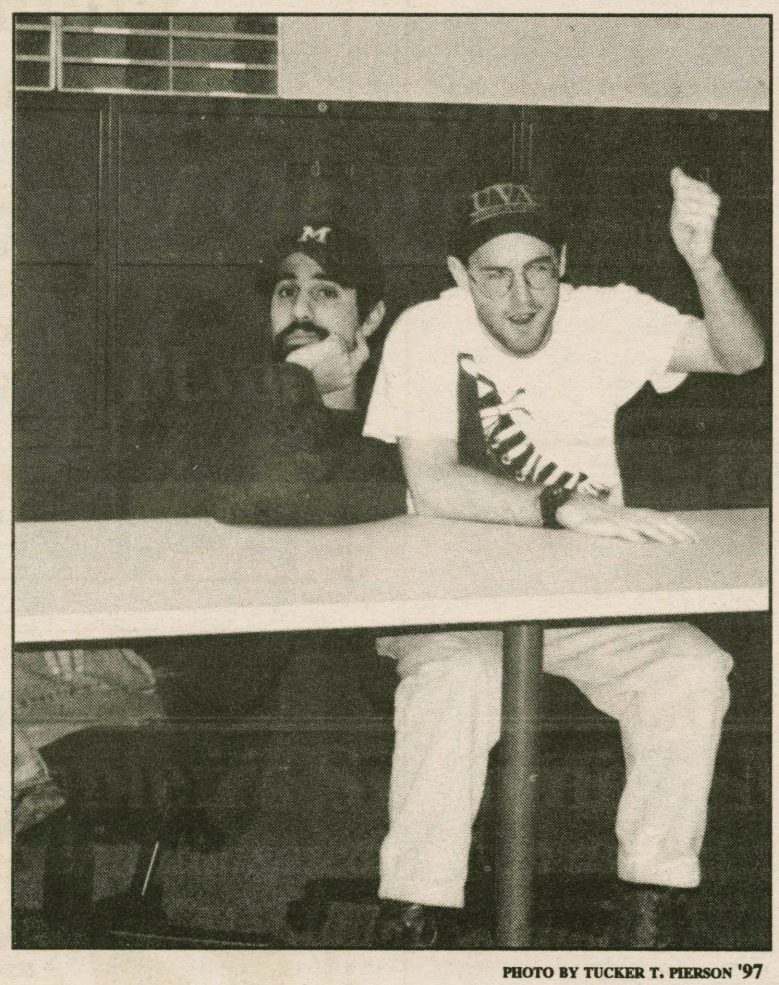
yet stress, as Edelson said, "We didn't make specific promises because we would prefer to pursue what is best for the student body. We want to be able to react to something more important if it came along." Reichgott stated that "We didn't want to say we would do something only to find out that it can't be done, for whatever reason."

They plan to work extensively with the committees already working on changing the Student Assembly constitution. This will bring the school closer to realizing two of Edelson and Reichgott's four major goals, those of representation and student empowerment.

They hope that the Student Assembly will become a more representative body. Edelson wants to have a member from each of the student diversity interest groups serve as a part of the Student Assembly. Edelson said, "In the real world people who get elected are sort of in the middle of the road. But we don't have to be the real world in regard to government; the student government should represent the entire student body."

Another part of the changes with the constitution involve giving the student body, specifically the Student Assembly, more control over school policy decisions that concern them.

Edelson and Reichgott both discussed increased diversity of the student body, especially as it relates to increasing the quality of a Hamilton student's out-of-class experience. Edelson said "The college has this 'knowledge of others' requirement but there is a real lack of knowledge of others because more things need to be done outside of the classroom."



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The new Student Assembly President Andrew Edelson '97, right, and Vice President Marty Reichgott '95, left, will take office next semester.

Edelson sees the toughest goal as being able to increase student involvement. He states "You can't legislate involvement, you need to turn on a little light bulb above peoples' heads. The more students that are involved, the better represented they will be."

Both Edelson and Reichgott said that they will be a team. Edelson said "Marty and I come at things from different sides, different viewpoints. But we work off of each other and together we add a lot of strength to each other."

Aspin discusses changing role of military

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sponds to international events. The world media is so much a part of everyone's daily lives that each event profiled on the evening news becomes a major issue.

Aspin refered to these changes in the function of the military as "a new agenda." He stated that this agenda did not exist during the Cold War for two reasons because no one in the world wanted us to because of the implications politically. There are also many difficulties with these policies which Aspin alluded to throughout his speech. First and most importantly is the fact that the military does not agree with these policies. Additionally, there are problems with the numbers of soldiers that are tied up in what is now a shrinking military force.

Aspin's lecture was not a nihilistic diatribe against the way in which the military is currently being used. It was more an informative and revealing guide to the formation of current U.S. policy abroad. The changing role of the military, Aspin said is "a change to more of a police force." With this, he added, come many challenges and difficulties, giving the U.S. an enormous role to fill on the world stage.

College aims to prevent recurrence of similar incident

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need to do more in daily interactions and in practice. If a committee is formed to respond to the hockey game incident, it is to salve our consciences."

Letter to *The Daily Bull*

In their letter to *The Daily Bull*, the two students who threw the doll stated, "We would like to apologize to anyone who was offended by this incident. Our goal was to be funny and original, not to be offensive and hurtful."

They noted that they immediately came forward to take responsibility upon hearing that many had taken offense to their actions.

"I have respect for these two students who have taken responsibility for their actions," said Associate Dean of Students Nancy Thompson who noted that they will still face judicial action in the near future.

She expressed her support for the ad hoc committee saying, "The fact that those dolls exist is a reason that we need to institute more education on this campus. An object like that promotes an image of women that is hurtful."

Memorandum sent to the community

In a memorandum sent to the College community last Friday, President Tobin stated that "any vestige of this reproachable behavior" will not be tolerated in the future. This includes the throwing of any objects onto the ice. He noted that if similar action again takes place, the Sage Rink will be cleared of all spectators.

Thompson said she expects that the tradition of throwing oranges at the opponent's goalie after Hamilton scores its first goal of the season will come to an end, in light of the recent events. Efforts to end the orange-throwing in the past have been unsuccessful.

Of the media attention the doll-throwing incident has drawn, Director of College Relations Michael Debraggio stated, "We want to deal very honestly and in a straight-forward manner with what happened."

"We need to help [individuals] understand the potential interpretations of their actions," he added. "By and large, people were embarrassed by the activity."

In the Channel 2 news broadcast, Coach Grady speaking on behalf of his team's efforts to end the throwing of oranges and other debris said, "We have tried everything, from writing letters to the paper to players addressing the crowd before the game. It just hasn't worked."

Trustees convene for December meeting

BY GABRIEL MEYER '96
NEWS EDITOR

Hamilton's Residential Life Study and proposals for language and oral proficiency requirements were among the key issues discussed at last weekend's meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Residential Life Committee in its meeting reviewed various options to be considered in formulating its final recommendations. These are expected to be released at the March trustee meeting.

The committee discussed the three main objectives of the Residential Life Study and how to achieve them. These are increasing the integration of academic and residential life, providing for all students equality of residential and social life, and offering on-campus activities designed to encourage participation in campus life.

"The Residential Life Committee had a very good meeting," President Eugene Tobin said. "I remain optimistic that our timetable is still on target."

This timetable calls for the committee to present its recommendations to the entire Board of Trustees in February, with a final decision to be announced in early March.

In other committee meetings over the weekend, the Committee on Instruction met to review proposals for oral proficiency and foreign language requirements. Also discussed were the Cultural Diversity and Ethical Issues requirements already in place.

The Budget and Finance Committee met to review the status of the College's 1994-95 operating budget.

The Committee on Planning discussed the results of the recent meeting sponsored by the Campus Planning Committee in which all members of the Hamilton Community were invited to express their views on a wide range of issues.

The Building, Grounds, and Equipment Committee reviewed several issues including, tentative plans for the North campus development project, proposals to enhance pedestrian safety, and the status of residence hall maintenance and refurbishment projects.

The Committee on Admission reviewed the recent Open Houses which were widely deemed as successful, and was briefed on the current status of admissions for the Class of 1999.

News from other Ivory Towers

--compiled by Naeem Sheikh '96

Canadians pay tuition in $2 bills in protest

In an act of protest against tuition fee increases of 20 percent in the last two years and 213 percent since 1980, three University of Victoria students paid their fees in as many $2 bills as possible.

"We're mad and we want them to know it," Tathra Street said, her arms loaded with 584 $2 bills to pay more than $1,100 in tuition for this semester alone. "We want to show (the administration) how frustrated we are."

Jo Lui, a fourth-year environmental studies major, paid some of her $1,050 dues in 378 $2 bills, and the rest in fives. "I would have paid the whole thing in two's but this was all the bank could spare," Lui said. *(NSNS)*

Students protest speech by Russian nationalist politician Zhirinovsky

Dozens of students took part in a protest on November 7 against the Russian ultra-nationalist politician Vladimir Zhirinovsky. They were among the more than 1,000 protestors gathered outside a San Francisco hotel as Zhirinovsky, the leader of Russia's Liberal Democratic Party, spoke inside to the World Affairs Council of Northern California.

Many of the protestors expressed anger at the Clinton administration's granting of a visa to Zhirinovsky, who is notorious for his imperialist and xenophobic views. Zhirinovsky has publicly threatened to take possession of Alaska and Finland and to use nuclear weapons if he is elected Russian president.

"When we heard that Zhirinovsky was coming to speak, we were very scared," said Sheri Fink, a Stanford medical student and president of Students Against Genocide, a Stanford-based group devoted to halting atrocities in Bosnia. Zhirinovsky has supported the Serbian takeover of Bosnia and has said that he views attacks on Serbian forces as attacks on Russia. *(NSNS)*

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Saying goodbye while running out the back door

When I took this job a year ago, I swore that when I finished my tenure, I would allow it to end with nary a word from me. No parting shots; no words of thanks; no words of wisdom for future editors. I figured that to do so would be self-serving and truly worthy of being in *The Spectator*. Now here I am at this point and I'm doing exactly what I said I wouldn't do. It's funny what a year-long roller coaster can do to your principles.

When people ask me about the ending of my *Spectator* editing career, I tell them that there is a good possibility that I won't even read the paper next semester. It's the only way I can explain what a draining job running the paper is. Will I miss it? Yes and no. Right now, I can honestly say that I will enjoy being able to experience a real Thursday night for the first time. (I hear this show "Seinfeld" is actually pretty good and not all students rewrite articles at 1 a.m. I'm not sure whether I believe either.) I know myself well enough to know that by March, I will be bouncing off the walls from boredom. I think I'll get over it.

One thing *The Spectator* did for me was teach me three lessons that will serve me well. They weren't always easy to learn, but they did help as the year went on:

•There is nothing you can't laugh at, especially at 3 a.m. There were many times, too many to count, where things happened that drove us to stress beyond belief. I recall several times when the Linotype machine from hell decided to break down late at night, before it died completely. The only thing that could be done was to laugh, especially when you become delirious from lack of sleep. Hey, it beat trying the beat the machine up.

•Sometimes you have to put in a little thought before you act. There were several stories, some printed and some not, that were tough calls as to whether to print them. A lot of discussions went into deciding whether we could live with the consequences of our actions. I remember one story in particular which my managing editor and I grappled with the issue for over a month. In the end, we decided that whatever we did, we still had to be able to walk around campus and look at ourselves in the mirror. We didn't print the story and even though I don't know if it was the right thing, I can still walk around with some sense of decency.

•Too many people expect free rides. I think too many groups expect praise, but are not willing to take any criticism, including myself for *The Spectator*. They have no problem taking congratulations for a good job, but when you say in an editorial, that they haven't done anything, they get defensive and argumentative. Instead of trying to figure out why these perceptions exist on campus, they deny anything is wrong and refuse to consider the possibility. Even though I realize I don't follow my own advice, I know this is not the way to do things.

Jim D'Aleo
Outgoing Editor-in-Chief

Acknowledgements are always a tricky thing to do. You don't want to leave anyone out, but it's too easy to go overboard when you try to thank everyone. So I while I'm not mentioning everyone, I really do appreciate everyone that has worked with me, especially during the difficult times. There are some who stand out in my mind. Wells Aitken, who got me started freshmen year, and Dave Paget, who taught me that he who is indispensable can do what he wants, head this list. They got me started and showed me to take the section seriously, even if the rest of the paper didn't.

If there is one thing I will miss, it would be doing the sports section with Marty Reichgott, Andy Singer, Ken Weliczka and Chris "Pat" Leahy. They showed me that with the knowledge that you can do anything, you could have a good time. Whether it was planning the coup to take over the paper (which worked, even though I was the only one who stayed around for it) or making sure the entire staff was emotionally afraid of us, we had a good time and put out a good product. I'm going to miss that.

I thank Steph Van Allen for showing me that you didn't necessarily have to drive people crazy to get them to produce. Even though she didn't realize it, I did respect her as a leader, even if she didn't yell at some of us when we deserved it.

I have left for last probably the person I owe the most. Eric Ritvo took on a thankless job during a period like no other that I can remember. Everything that could have possibly happened did and he helped keep me somewhat sane (though some would beg to differ). Were it not for his efforts, it's questionable whether I would have made it through the first couple of months. If the paper can be considered a success over the past year, he should get as much credit as anyone else.

Just looking over the names of people I have just seen or those I haven't seen in awhile, reminds me that I really loved my time with the paper. I will still be writing my column, but it won't be the same. Am I glad I'm leaving? Yes, I think it's time. Would I do it again? Absolutely. This period is one which I will never forget and I thank everyone for making it such. Who knows? Maybe I'll even read the paper next semester, after all.

Students sound off on Hamilton's alcohol problem

The following article was written by two students whom the Judicial Board found responsible for under-age drinking and serving alcohol to minors.

We were given an assignment to research the negative effects that alcohol causes on the Hamilton Campus. Here are the facts that we compiled from the various offices on campus:

From the Health Center we found that: 1) Last year ('93-'94) Hamilton College EMT's responded to 21 alcohol related medical emergencies on this campus. 2) Nationwide, about 21% of all suicides are alcohol related. 3) Nationwide, 90% of all campus rapes occur when either the assailant, victim or both are using alcohol.

From Counseling and Psychological Services we found that: 1) The beginning stages of alcoholism are prevalent among college students. 2) 50% of those that drink four or more drinks a day, five days a week will become alcoholics. 3) They have never seen an instance of date rape without alcohol use involved.

From Campus Safety we found that: 1) 50% of all false alarms occur because alcohol use was involved. 2) Over 60% of vandalism that occurs on the campus is due to alcohol use.

From the Physical Plant and the Office of Residential Life we found that: 1) 90% of all incident reports are alcohol related. 2) Student damage which occurs during exam week and senior week from Spring 1988 - Spring 1994 is as follows: Spring '88 $9,074, Spring '89 $11,554, Spring '90 $8,041, Spring '91 $5,220, Spring '92 $5,627, Spring '93 $4,719, Spring '94 $4,246. The total amount of damage done from those years is $48,084.

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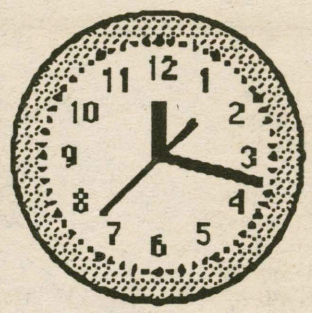

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Attitudes

EDITORIAL

Name recognition going up because of aberration

We did not plan to write another editorial about the throwing of the African-American doll, but something new happens everyday. This particular editorial will discuss two different aspects of the controversy that occured in the past week.

First, President Tobin announced that spectators will not be allowed into the rink during tonight's game versus Hobart. This decision is a wise one. While it may not be entirely fair to keep out fans who had nothing to do with the incident, no one said life was fair. A message needed to be sent and it was. The student body has now been told that behavior such as this is not acceptable. This was the right action.

The second aspect that needs to be addressed is the enormous press coverage that this action has brought forth. Should the school be taken to task for the actions at the game? Absolutely. The press coverage, however, has been a little unfair. For the various events in the past we have had, ones in which we could be proud, there was not that much press coverage. Yet for this, the coverage includes both local news stations (their presence is understandable), *The Boston Globe*, *The Observer-Dispatch* and *USA Today* among others. This story has also gone over the AP news wire.

Is all of this really nec essary? The entire community is being hurt by the actions of two individuals. While this is an important issue, possibly the entire country will be seeing Hamilton as a haven for racists and sexists. This campus will be learning a much-needed lesson, but outside people do not have to watch. It brings a chill down your spine to think what exactly will happen to our applicant pool the next year.

The basic premise is that Hamilton is being hurt for recognizing a problem and dealing with it. So much for being praised for trying to fix things.

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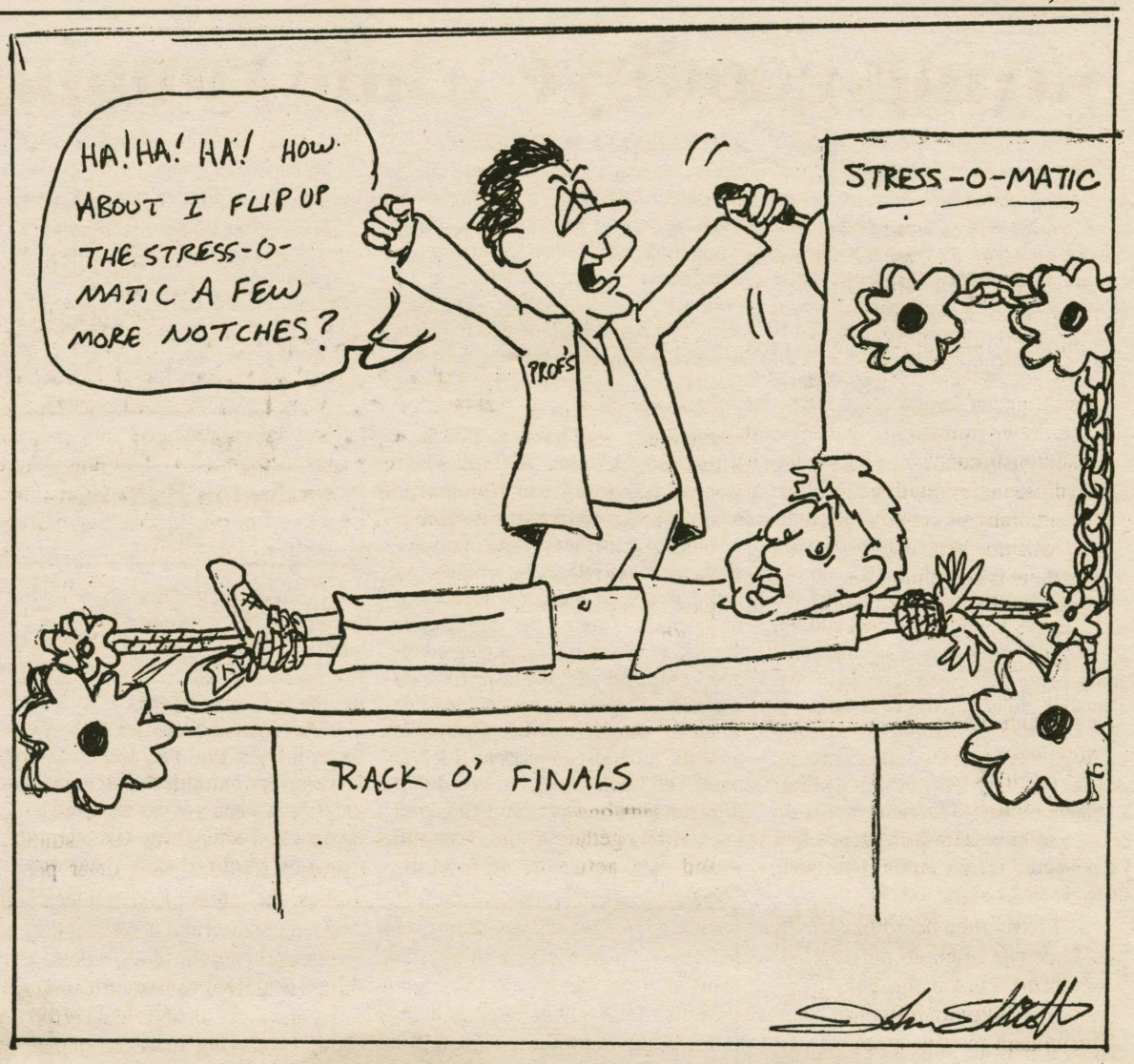

Community forum addresses tinder box

To the editor:

Thanks to Tarik Abdelazim's article in last week's Spectator, many of you know that the Community Conference Committee consists of three groups. Of the groups, the Community Forum Team's current responsibility is to operate the Tinder Box. As advertised, people could expect to receive well-investigated, non-rumor-fanned responses by simply scrawling their ideas and questions on the Tinder Box sheets (which came in stunning flame-like colors). Well, it went great — we received over thirty responses, some of them were angry, some of them ludicrous, and some were down-right constructive.

The CFT's members decided that the best way to proceed was to assign a member to investigate each one of the topics. In that way, members of our community would know who they could contact to get answers or to provide information. After one of our team members had gathered sufficient information, we would publish the results for all to see. Therefore, we see our role as a great way for the campus to communicate with itself, i.e., we don't necessarily control the world, but we will let you know what is going on. Listed below are most of the topics that we received, as well as who will be investigating each topic.

One person wrote, "Bulimia seems to be a major problem on campus . . . ." Tim Jackson has volunteered to gather the results of previous studies of bulimia on this campus, find out what is planned to address the problem in the future, and report to the campus.

Many people are concerned about the current state of Hamilton's multi-cultural admission policy. Beth Maynard will let the world know.

Jeff McMahon has volunteered to investigate three concerns: How are Hamilton's temporary professors treated? What is being done to alter our credit system? Would it be possible to get more professors involved in intra-mural sports activities?

Marcus Johnson will report on the technicalities behind dining administration on campus. Is it true that, as one student put it, "The school should be ashamed by what they serve us and how much they charge for it!"

I myself have already addressed one senior's concern: "The hours of the computer center and library [are] ridiculous." In fact, many people have been complaining that the library closes too early in the evening. Take heart, for changes are on the way! Sources inside ITS reveal that ITS and the Library have the green light to extend their operating hours to 2:00 a.m. every night (morning!) of the week. Of course, technical problems remain, and the schedule might be altered further, but you can definitely look forward to changes.

The concerns above do not cover all that we have received, but the CFT is working on a lot of items for such a small group. We will put the Tinder Box back on line next semester, and please don't have the attitude that one student had: "You won't care what I write, but . . . ." We DO care, and we will discuss everything that we receive, even this: "If H is a proper subgroup of G then is it possible to have |Aut G| < |Aut H|?" As Picard would say, hypothesize.

Todd Moore

GLBSA thanks Tobin

Dear President Tobin:

Thank you. Your recent letter was both powerful and courageous. We appreciate your direct involvement in our campus community.

Your action takes both energy and commitment to an ideal, and we thank you for recognizing the negative power of anti-social acts. Your acknowledgement of this lends the opportunity for discussion and empowers groups of students and faculty who regularly challenge oppression on the Hill.

We welcome your contribution to our efforts and look forward to your continuing commitment. As a strong campus organization, we will do our part to discourage anti-social actions and sentiments. Please feel free to turn to us for support as future situations challenge the community.

The Gay, Lesbian, BisexualStudent Alliance

Happy Holidays from Attitudes

Attitudes

The Spectator December 9, 1994

Student calls for more constructive discussion

To the editor:

When I read editorials of students in *The Spectator* last Friday which described the black doll as being a symbol of anti-black female sentiment, I was upset because I felt that it was being blown out of proportion. Some of the interpretations that were drawn from the incident seemed ridiculously contrived and irrational. But those interpretations result from the opinions of individual students and will not deter me from feeling that there is something wrong in our society. But, I do not feel that I can interact intellectually with individuals who make claims such as that the doll promoted the idea that black women are the sexual property of the white male.

I will discuss two semi-related issues: actions of "movement" leaders and how Hamilton passively and cleverly ignores cultural insensitivity.

I have often heard that the most able people often do not enter politics. This refers to those people who have the ability to influence change, but remain passive because of the abrasive behaviors of others who are involved in the same movement. I often use the term, "professional protesters" to describe the culture of students who, whenever some hot issue is at hand, they are always there to back it up visually and vocally. Most of the time, I am in full support of what they are arguing for, but not how they conduct themselves.

There is a difficulty when people come together to support each other and, more specifically, a movement for change. I feel that many people who become the lead participants in a movement falter because they have a "personal agenda" which gets in the way of intention. Personal agenda's can be influenced by things such as ego, anger, insecurity, etc. The "personal agenda" of certain individuals can detract from the main purpose that brings these groups together in the first place, and can actually induce close-minded attitudes which unfortunately jeopardize the group's efforts. These "personal agendas" need to be eliminated in order to facilitate the interactions of the entire group in its endeavors to influence change.

The second issue I wish to discuss hit me last evening after I attended the faculty meeting in Bristol. The main focus of the meeting was to establish a committee to study the problems of cultural insensitivity. This effort was instigated by the recent "doll throwing" incident. One professor stood up after much dead-end deliberation and remarked that he has seen, throughout his years at Hamilton, many similar incidents which have resulted, ironically, in the formation of committees. I wholeheartedly agree with his statement that we often resort to creating committees in order to relieve our consciences of responsibility. I learned from the faculty meeting that even the professors in academia struggle with the social problems as do students. Committee after committee after committee, we are not solving these problems, we are casting our responsibilities onto other people. Yes, the intent of committees is indeed positive and good, but they are merely symbolic and fruitless. Each individual has to assume responsibility and make an individual effort. As far as solving these problems, the administration simply effuses sympathetic rhetoric without any substance as its "symbol" of concern.

We tend to adopt an attitude that we can be the "thought police" for other people's attitudes and beliefs. We behave inappropriately when we try to dictate to people that their beliefs are wrong and "anti-social." We cannot try to "perfect" people by changing their characteristics that we see as negative. We should appreciate their positive qualities and work from there. Since it is so difficult to change attitudes through force (dictating that anti-social is injurious), we need to show people the underlying systems that influence their attitudes and how one's attitude-influenced actions can be insensitive and hurtful of others with different lives, beliefs, cultures, and backgrounds, than one's own. The first-year who threw the doll was obviously upset and confused by his actions as seen in his public apology. Are we going to punish him because we have taken on a personal aggression towards him, or are we going to show him and others why he may not realize the insensitivity his actions displayed?

There are two ways for our Hamilton community to deal with confronting such issues. We can continue to create committees and "rules of conduct" or we can teach and offer insight and enlightenment that will hopefully and more effectively induce a positive change in the individual mindset. The administration has been ignoring the issues for too long. It cannot be allowed to sit back and only react when an "incident" occurs. However, if it is honestly serious about the changes that it continuously gives lip service towards, it has to revamp the classroom approach to academics. Take the discussion of these issues out of our mailboxes and place them in our classes and studies (it would spare a hell of a lot of trees!). Imagine the influence that the entire curriculum could have on the whole community if each course could incorporate aspects of diversity and culture into the structure of each course. I am tired of these ridiculous displays of concern that the administration continues to bombard us with via "campus mail." Teach us, don't tell us.

Clayton T. Sullivan '96

Hamilton's discriminatory attitudes are the fault of the whole community

To the Hamilton Community:

After walking around campus this past week and listening to comments such as, "I can't believe Tobin!" "I was about to punch those !$*!*!$ queers in Beinecke," and hearing about the resistance encountered by those who are trying to bring about awareness, I am concerned that we are missing the larger issue involved with the African-American doll being thrown on the ice. First, I would like to commend President Tobin for his action condemning this type of behavior. In the past, the administration has swept such incidents under the rug in order to maintain a "positive image." I would think that the image we would like to present is that Hamilton is a place where ignorance is confronted and not tolerated.

Yes, I wish I could go to the game, but I think that as a community we are missing the point behind President Tobin's actions. I am an avid fan of Hamilton sports. I love football, basketball, and especially hockey games. I enjoy going to the games but I am bothered and sometimes feel threatened by the attitudes surrounding these events.

Presently, sports is a male-dominated arena. Violent, misogynist, racist and homophobic ideologies are prevalent. These dominant attitudes make it acceptable for a fan to yell homophobic slurs at a referee during football games, to chant, "the ref beats his wife!" at hockey games, and to use derogatory references to the female anatomy as insults. Within this environment, it would certainly seem acceptable for a student to throw an African-American blow-up doll wearing the slogan "Wesleyan sucks" onto the ice. These are the same attitudes that contribute to the dramatic increase in reported rapes following Super Bowl Sunday.

If some students had not been offended by this action most of us would not have found it problematic. It is sad that the group of students who felt threatened had to take responsibility for our ignorance. We should be educating ourselves. Instead, it took a drastic act by President Tobin combined with students' protest to get our attention.

It is important, and I am glad that the students involved in the doll incident apologized in the Daily Bull. But, we shouldn't point fingers at these students alone. The fact that these students and the rest of the community did (and do) not realize the racist and sexist implications of this act, is almost more problematic than if the insult had been intentional. There is a larger lesson to be learned. This one incident is an example of a greater issue. We all need to accept responsibility for these attitudes and look at how we participate at sporting events, and in society as a whole, in creating a racist, sexist, and homophobic environment in which people feel threatened.

Megan Cooledge '95

Spectator did not do justice to theater presentation

To the Editor,

Having been involved with the Theater department for all of my nearly four years at Hamilton, I can attest to the fact that *The Spectator* has a habit of essentially ignoring the Performing Arts. I have seen many entertaining, important and beautiful pieces of Music, Dance, and Theater go up and get struck on this campus without so much as a mention in this paper.

So, you can imagine my surprise when I saw the almost informative and enticing preview of *The Saint Plays* in the issue immediately preceding the play's opening. Never before had I seen *The Spectator* jump to support students' work in such a way that readers may be encouraged to attend, rather than wish they had heard about it sooner. This was, in my admittedly narrow-minded opinion, a bold move by the staff of the *Spec*.

Why then, would you destroy this valiant effort by printing such an atrocious review of the play two weeks after its close. No, I am not a bitter actress who thought she was wrongly "dished" in a review. I am an appalled college student who can't believe that a group of her peers who claim to publish a newspaper would allow such a poorly written piece of drivel to be included. This piece was not only insulting to the cast and crew of *The Saint Plays* in its over-simplifications and incorrect deductions, it was (I would think) an embarrassment both to the author and to the *Spectator* staff.

The article was incredibly condescending, not to mention a grammatical nightmare. In one sentence the author (who is, I might add, the Arts and Entertainment Editor) in his attempt to fit everything into one sentence, mistakenly refers to the "memory capabilities" of the actors as "hors d'oeuvres." He also did not seem to understand that the television screens on either side of the stage were announcing the titles of the plays, even though they were listed as such in the program. He refers to the numbers that appeared on the screen before the play *16670* as "just a five-digit number preluding a saint particularly interested in accounting." This number, as every other audience member seemed to understand, (especially considering the fact that it was displayed on the actor's arm) was the character's tattoo from the concentration camp, Auschwitz.

These are only two of the many errors made by this author which devalue the hard work that was put into this production. I understand that there are certainly more pressing matters to be discussed in light of recent events on campus. However, I do not see this as an excuse to practice irresponsible journalism, as you do by letting abominable pieces, such as this review, slip into the paper. This article read more like a junior-high school book report than a review in a college-level newspaper. I would think that, as Editor of the Arts and Entertainment section, this author would be taking steps to increase the quality of coverage instead of insulting those students who break their backs to bring a little culture to this community.

Jessica Godfrey '95

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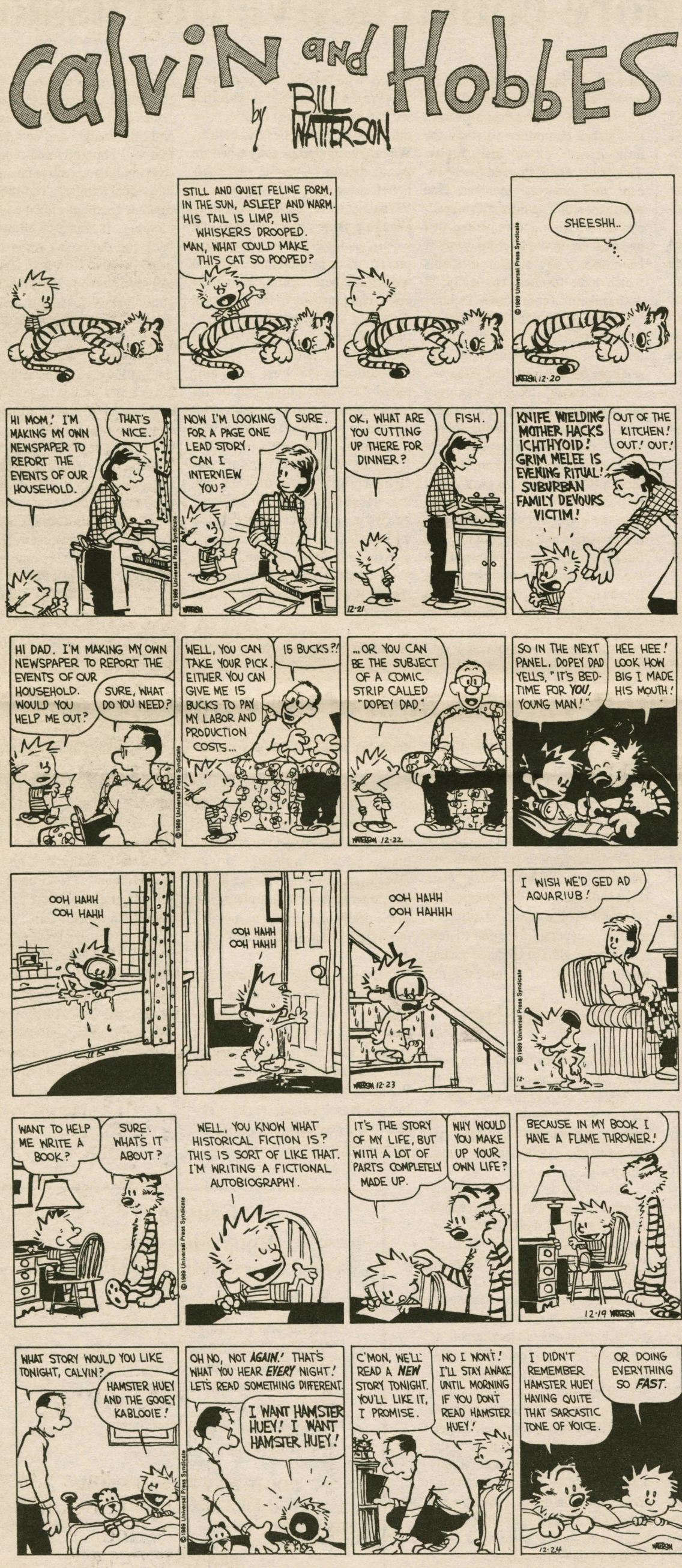
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WELL, YOU CAN TAKE YOUR PICK. EITHER YOU CAN GIVE ME 15 BUCKS TO PAY MY LABOR AND PRODUCTION COSTS...
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OOH HAHH OOH HAHH
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I WISH WE'D GED AD AQUARIUB!
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WANT TO HELP ME WRITE A BOOK?
SURE. WHAT'S IT ABOUT?
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I DIDN'T REMEMBER HAMSTER HUEY HAVING QUITE THAT SARCASTIC TONE OF VOICE.
OR DOING EVERYTHING SO FAST.
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12·24 WATTERSON

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by Marty Reichgott '95.5

"I'd feel like a child molester."
- Jen Hess '96 on why she won't date first-years.

"I gamble on love, baby."
- Boughty Canton '95 to Prof. Jones in Macro Theory on Boughty's gambling habits. I won't be taking those odds...

"Papa Smurf could build a nuclear reactor!"
- Andrew Skey '97 on his childhood hero.

"Using a finger dam is like going macrobiotic."
- Anonymous woman to her partner during sex.

"Mom, we're going to play ball in the house."
- Bev Low telling "Mother" Theresa George that she's going to toss a softball around Bristol Campus Center.

"I couldn't have you staring at me when I was doing private things."
- Martha Pugliese '95 explaing to Martin Reichgott '96 why she had to temporarily take down his campaign flier from the bathroom stall door.

"Do you think that Prof. Gescheider's dog does advanced calculus when no one is looking?"
- Bing Williams '96 discussing the profs' well-trained dog that seems smarter than most students.

This week's special feature- ***D'Aleo leaves, but his words linger.***

"I'm playing with a pink slinky, what do you think?"
- D'Aleo in response to Josh Ribner's '97 inquisition into how his thesis is progressing.

"Hey, I'd do charity if it would make me some money."
- Jim "Heart of Gold" D'Aleo '95.

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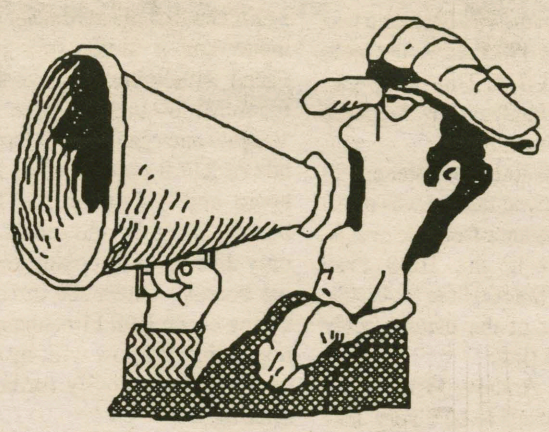

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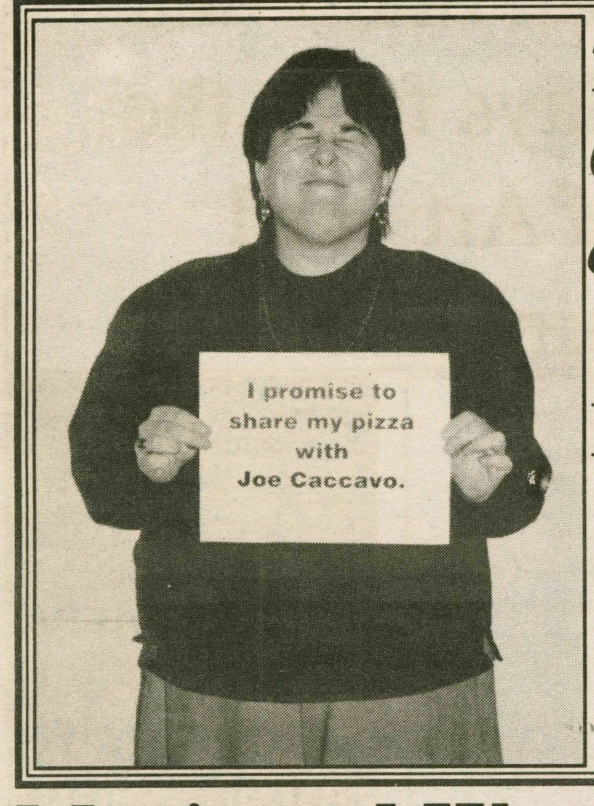

The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week

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Beverly Low

Career Statistics:

She "Beat the Experts"

Beverly Low, the Director of Student Activities, was named the expert of this semester. Her insightful picks gave her a record of 9-2-1 and elevated her above the competition. Her closest competitor was Kelly Overton '96 who finished with a record of 9-3. Beverly did have a leg up on the competition. She disclosed to us, after we let her make her picks, that she was the Sports Editor of her college newspaper. Nontheless, let us be humble and accept this defeat. Congrats Bev!! It must be noted, however, that Zach Thomas ended the season with the best overall record of the experts. Met with stiff competition from both Mills Chapman and Jim D'Aleo, Zach's strategic picks put him on top.

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The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week receives a free pizza with the works courtesy of The Garden Café and its owner Tony Urbanowitz.

OTHER PEAK PERFORMERS

Jessica Levi

On Saturday, the resilient Hamilton squad came back strong to whip SUNY-Utica, 72-50 in the first round of the Tri-Campus Classic Tournament. Behind Jessica Levu's 16 points, 12 rebounds and two blocks. Levi continued her impressive play on Sunday, leading her team to a 53-42 championship-game win over Utica Collegewith 8 points and 17 rebounds Levi was named the MVP of the tournament for her play.

Men's and Women's Swimming

The men continue their undefeated season as the women drop a meet to the Middlebury Panthers

By Adam Hempling '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

In last week's meet, the men's swimming and diving team beat Middlebury College with a score of 138 -73. Fueled by the rivalry between the two teams and the advantage of the home pool, the members of the team swam some of their best races so far.

The MVP of the meet was Jeff Alexander '98. After establishing career best times in the 50 Free (0:23.82) and the 100 Free (0:53.13 from a flat start), Alexander, along with Pat Landers '95, Josh Guariglia '98, and Eric Hawrelak '95 took second place overall in the 400 Free Relay. Alexander's split for this race, 0:52.33 from a rolling start, was also a personal best.

The 200 Free is definitely shaping up to be one of the Continentals' strongest events this year. Hamilton, once again, captured the top four places in the 200 Free. Finishing first was Matt Swensson '97 with a time of 1:52.59. Following him in were Aaron Pickert '98, Mike Reilly '98, and Neil Fischbein '95, respectively. In addition to this impressive victory, Swensson took third in the 200 Fly and swam the butterfly leg of the 400 Medley Relay team which finished second overall. Pickert also swam in the 400 Medley Relay. Josh Plati '98, Ryan Cooney '97, and Kyle Bolenbaugh '95 finished third in this event. Reilly received third place in the 200 Back. Fischbein was awarded fifth in the 100 Free, and was also part of the 400 Free Relay team which finished first. This is the second time that Hamilton has swept the 200 Free in competition.

Co-captain Jonathan Greene '95 once again showed that he was number one in the distance freestyle events. He took first in the 1000 Free (10:05.05) and the 500 Free (4:49.48), and was a part of the medley relay which finished first.

Freshman Andrew Wintermuth has proven himself to be a very formidable opponent in the individual medley. Once again, Wintermuth was the first place finisher in the 200 IM with a time of 2:03.69. In addition, Wintermuth was the second place finisher in the 500 Free. At his current rate of success, Wintermuth will undoubtedly be someone to watch in the 200 IM and the 400 IM at the State Championship meet in February.

Matt Hawkins '97, a national qualifier from last year's team, won a close race in the 200 Back. He finished it in 2:05.94. He was also the third place finisher in the 50 Free, and also swam the backstroke leg of the 400 Medley Relay which placed second overall.

Nathaniel Vergow '95 was, once again, the first place finisher on the 1 meter and 3 meter springboards. Faced with some solid competition from Middlebury's three divers, Vergow emerged victorious with totals of 217.8 points on the 3 meter board and 235.40 on the 1 meter board. Vergow, the men's team's only diver is still looking strong on the boards. Under the direction of diving coach Paul Flinchbaugh, it is hoped that Vergow will, by the end of the season, qualify for nationals once again.

The Continentals, currently undefeated, are continuing to rise to great success. Only one more meet remains this semester, and another five meets await the Continentals in the next. Tough competition awaits the Continentals at RPI this Friday, but with two dual-meet victories under their belts, tackling the Continentals will surely be a difficult challenge for the RPI men's team.

BY SPECTATOR SPORTS

Last Saturday, spectators filled the Bristol Pool complex to watch the first Hamilton home swom meed. Although the Continentals had many outstanding swims and the score was close, they couldn't pull off a win against the Middlebury Panthers.

One of highlights of the meet was the 1650 freestyle event. Liz Sichol '96 swam to first place with a time of 17:56.86, also qualifying her for the March Nationals. Sichol continued her winning streak with another first place in the 500 free (5:21.05) and a second in the 200 free (2:03.31). Sichol is the first of many National qualifiers from the women's team.

Co-captain Kate Quick '95 also swam strongly in the middle distance freestyle events, winning the 200 free with a time of 1:59.50 and placing second in the 500 free with 5:21.99.

Co-captain Maura Dalton '95 was accompanied by teammates Marianne Steen '97 and Wendy Marrs '97 to finish impressively in their individual events. Dalton finished the 200 butterfly in 2:21.95 for second place and took third in the 200 I.M. Even after placing second in the 50 free, the preceding event, Steen still finished second in the 200 I.M. with a time of 2:22.57. Adding to her harvest of points, Steen took third in her final event, the 200 backstroke. Marrs blew away the competition in the 50 free with an outstanding first place time of :25.67. In her second event, the 100 free, Marrs also finished fourth place.

The divers were not to be outshined by the swimmers as Vicky Massoud '97 and Amanda Locke '97 had yet another meet with impressive dives. On the one meter, Massoud placed second while Locke took third. Locke then proceed to move into second place on the 3 meter with Massoud finishing with a close third. Joining Locke and Massoud was first year Caroline Thomson. In her first collegiate diving competition, Thomson placed well in both the 1 and 3 meter diving events. With two fifth place finishes, Thompson should improve as the season progresses.

Men's squash is 4-5

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afternoon, Hamilton faced the Wesleyan Cardinals, who were promptly whipped by a fired-up Continental team, 8-1. Prezzano, Cook, Stein, Chapman, Carrigg, and Grant as well all recorded shutouts.

The next morning the team played Bowdoin, who Hamiltont knew would be tough. In a nightmarish outing for the Continentals, Bowdoin won all nine best-of-five game matches by a total game score of 27-0. A hour later, with nowhere to go but up, Hamilton took the courts to take on the Cadets from West Point whom Hamilton had defeated last year. This year was a different season however, but fortunately there was the same result as the Continentals won handily, 7-2, as knotted their record at 2-2.

After a break that afternoon, the team returned for an evening showdown with Bates, who finished one spot below Hamilton in the final rankings last year. Bates, turning several heads, beat the Continentals 7-2. Bright and early the next morning, a tired and sore Hamilton, playing in their sixth match of the weekend, could not stave off a fresh and energized Tufts team whom many of the Hamilton players thought could be defeated easily if they were just as tired and sore. Tufts won the match 6-3, dropping the Continentals to 2-4.

After returning from Thanksgiving break, the team traveled to U. of Rochester. The Rochester squad was full of experienced softball players, and it showed as they defeated Hamilton 9-0, pushing the Continentals down to a lowly 2-5. Good performances were turned in by Hale and Chapman who each pushed their opponent to the 5th.

The Continentals home opener was the following Saturday.. Bard gave the players some competition as they took two of the nine matches from Hamilton. With Colgate the Continentals posted their first shutout of the season.

Now the team is finished for the semester, and awaits its January opponents and the return of Mijangos.

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SHORTLINE

Houston Oilers offense as dead as NHL season

NFL: It shows how good the **Dallas Cowboys** are when they can win in three consecutive weeks with different quarterbacks. It sort of helps when you have one of the best runners in the league and one of the top receiving corps as well. It also helps when your safeties run interceptions back 94 yards for touchdowns... You know your offense is really bad when you score twelve points in a game and your defense scores nine of them. This is exactly what happened to the **Houston Oilers** last week. **Jeff Fisher** should be happy with the defense he led, but the offense he took over should probably be shot. Fisher said the Oilers are at their lowest point. Well, at 1-12, there is only one point lower. That's something to build on... After watching Monday Night Football this week, I have come to two conclusion. The first one, yet again, is that **Dan Dierdorf** is a moron. The second is that the AFC has absolutely no chance to win the Super Bowl. **San Diego**, supposedly one of the top two teams, in the AFC looked horrible against the **Raiders** and lost by a touchdown, even though the Raiders seemed to get a penalty on every other play. The other top team, the **Pittsburgh Steelers**, have a great defense, but their offense just isn't that good. These two teams may be able to beat up on each other, but they would get killed by either the Cowboys or the **49ers**. It looks like another year of mediocrity for the AFC... If you want to read a pretty funny column discussing parity in the NFL and showing the way to reduce the number of teams eligible for the playoffs, read Tom Weir's column in *USA Today* on Wednesday. For instance, he believes that **Arizona** should not be eligible for the playoffs until their offense scores more touchdowns than **Emmitt Smith**. Another team that is out, in his mind, is the **Tampa Bay Buccaneers**, despite the fact that they could make the playoffs if "approximately 782 quirks...occur." Imagine that... In case you didn't hear, **Joe Montana** is retiring again. Or, at least, that's what the papers are printing. Evidently, however, this is news to the **Chiefs** quarterback. Isn't that always the way? The player is the last to know...

MLB: **Richard Ravitch**, the owners' chief negotiator, announced that he will resign after his contract expires at the end of the year. I think his resigning keeps us from a funny situation. Could you see the owners' negotiator arguing over his own contract while the owners are dealing with the players? A lot of good jokes could happen out of something like that...

NHL: You know, as much as I love hockey, the NHL season is in danger of being cancelled and I just don't care. It's sad, but true... **Peter Pocklington**, the owner of the **Edmonton Oilers**, suggested the NHL season has a 50-50 chance of being cancelled. Could you imagine what that will do to this league? It would serve both parties right if the league lost all of its gains because of their stupidity. But I'm not bitter or anything...

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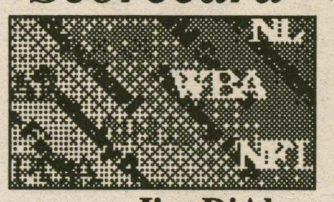

---Jim D'Aleo

NBA: **Dennis Rodman** was suspended by the **Spurs** yet again for not reporting to practice. At some point, you have to wonder just how much is enough. Rodman has yet to play this season and the way it looks, there is a good possibility that he might not play for at least a month more. If I thought no one would pick him up, I would suggest that the Spurs release him. Since neither will happen, I guess Rodman will never get the message...

NCAA: Good for CBS and their retaining of the rights to the NCAA basketball tournament, especially considering they lost everything else. Personally, I think the NCAA would be better served by a different type of deal. A combination of CBS and ESPN, like the old days, would show more games, giving the viewers the opportunity to see more teams. While CBS has done a good job in doing this, splitting up the regions over two networks for the first two rounds could only help the NCAA. But, then again, CBS interests are slightly different, meaning they're making money off the way it is now. Oh well, it was just a thought... In case you haven't figured in the past few weeks, I think **Penn State** will end the season as national champions. I can also guarantee that **Nebraska** fans will be complaining about it for the entire year. Considering how they are probably going to lose, being forced to play Miami in Miami, maybe that's the way it should be...

MISCELLANEOUS: I find it really amusing that **Michael Jordan** is still the highest paid athlete while making only $10,000 in minor league baseball. I'm sure the $30 million in endorsements helps his ranking. I also have to laugh at the fact that **Scott Mitchell**, **Heath Shuler**, **Marshall Faulk**, **Dan Wilkinson** and **Trent Dilfer** all made more money than **Deion Sanders** before any of them had done anything. Wait a minute, I forgot that Mitchell had a good half-season... Here's a question. What will happen when football season ends and hockey still isn't being played? What will all the sports sections of the country and, more importantly, this column do to fill space? The national Ping-Pong championships are starting to look pretty good.

Men's hockey split their weekend games

By Mark Granovsky
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

As students faced a somewhat restful weekend before the final days of classes, the Hamilton Continentals had a two game road trip in New Hampshire. After a disappointing loss on Friday evening 7-2 to the St. Anslem Hawks, the Continentals rebounded with a 4-3 victory over the New England Pilgrims on Saturday.

One could call the Continentals Dr. Jeckyll/Mr. Hyde during this weekend. The first period against St. Anslem was textbook hockey with the game moving into the boards and the corners. There was no score after the first period. "The shots were fairly even, but then we lost focus and did alot of running around," commented Coach Grady. St. Anslem scored two quick goals in the second period and never looked back. Goalies Kendall Brook and Joe Mucha blocked a decent 19 shots, but it was not enough. The loss was Hamilton's second in a row following a 5-2 loss to Williams. The Continentals were perfect against St. Anselm in 1993 with a 3-1 victory during the regualr season and a 5-4 overtime victory in the ECAC East playoffs.

The game against New England was significant for both teams. New England went 3-20-1 during the 1993-94, but defeated the University of Connecticut(the #1 team in ESCAC at the time) in Storrs. "They are an up and coming team, much improved," explained Coach Grady.

It looked like Hamilton was going to repeat their 11-2 victory of last year. The Continentals went up 3-0 and outshot the Pilgrims 21-3 in the first period. The blow-out was short-lived as New England scored two goals, based on defensive mistakes, to cut the lead to 4-3. Hamilton managed to put the pressure on and salvage the victory. "We have to play a full sixty minute game, we cannot relax at all." said Coach Grady. Left Wing Sean Brady scored the game winner to record his fourth goal of the young season, and Brook posted 25 more saves.

Hamilton has recorded 27 goals and 42 assists in only six games. Top scores include Centers Jeff Bradley (10 points) and Shawn Kelley (six); and Right wings Bobby Simonds, Brian Gusatella, and Left Wing John Forbes tied with 5. Brady has also added four goals to this total.

The Hamilton Continentals will square off against the Hobart Statesmen in Sage Rink tonight. Hobart is a very physical team with their strongest virtue being their work ethic. "They force you to make mistakes," explained Coach Grady. "This is their best team in a number of years." The Statesmen went 5-20 in 1993-1994. Hamilton defeated Hobart 5-2 that year.

The Continentals are undefeated at home (2-0) and fair on the road (2-2). Is it harder to win on the road? "It is extremely difficult to win on the road. We have to be prepared to step into someone else's rink," explained Coach Grady. "Our advantage is playing at home." Let us hope the Continentals keep their undefeated home streak alive.

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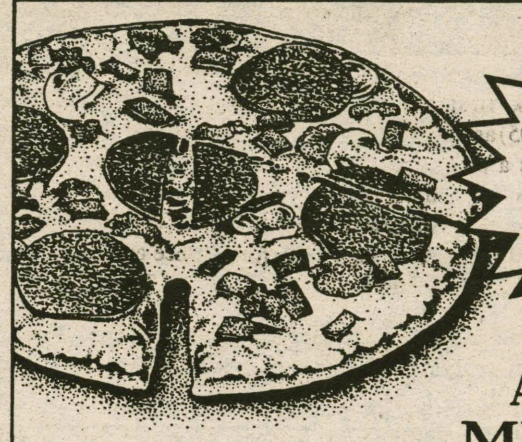

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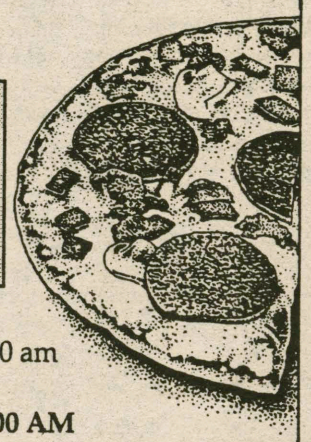

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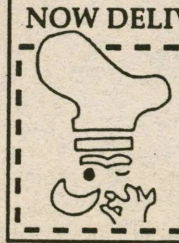

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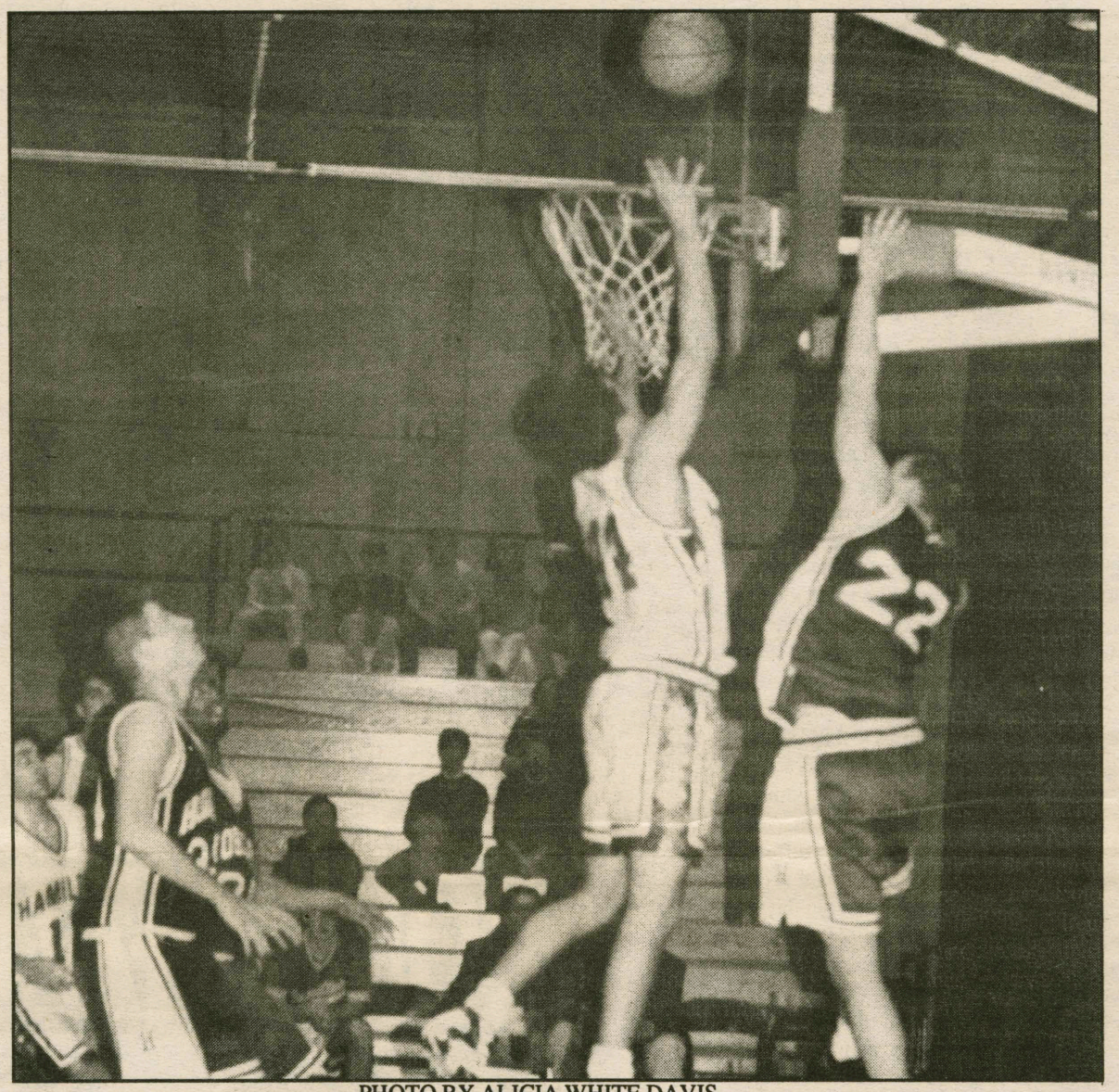
Continental men's hoops looking at a tough road ahead

BY SPECTATOR SPORTS

The Hamilton Continentals have opened up the 1994-1995 campaign in a dramatic fashion. Three out of their first five games have been decided on a last second shot or in at least one overtime period. Led by an undersized, but scrappy, group of upperclassmen, the Continental cagers have fought their way to three wins and two losses.

After losing to Utica College and beating S.U.N.Y. Binghamton in overtime thrillers, the "Cardiac" Continentals were not finished with last second shot games, much to the chagrin of Coach Tom Murphy. The opening game of the 32nd annual Kodak Classic in Rochester, New York proved to be quite a test to the gastrointestinal tracts of the Hamilton coaches, players, and fans. A last second,running one-hander from 10 feet propelled a grateful St. John Fisher team to a huge upset of the Continentals.

Hamilton could never get on track in the first half and went into the locker room down 49-44. Hamilton began the second half by pounding the ball inside against a much bigger Fisher team and was able to put some of the Cardinals' post players in foul trouble and score some easy baskets. Matt Stowell scored 16 of his season high 20 points in the second half, and Joe Mrozienski had 11 of his game and season 27 points in the second half as well. The Continentals battled back as the minutes ticked off the clock and seemed to have the game won when Joe Mrozienski made two free throws with 16 seconds remaining on the clock to give Hamilton the lead 89-88. St. John Fisher inbounded the ball and drove the floor only to take an off-balance, running, one-handed jump shot that crashed off the board and through the rim. Fisher then stole the ensuing inbound pass and Hamilton had to foul. The Cardinals made one of two and Fran D'Agata's half court shot to win sailed long. Off nights by D'Agata (10 points) and Erin McCann (11 points) were not helpful toward the Continental cause. Scott Pace and Al Lewis'96 rounded out the rest of the Continental scoring with 14 and 7 points respectively.



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Despite the crushing upset, Hamilton started the next game red hot and very assertive. Stifling full court pressure forced the Clarkson University Golden Knights into numerous turnovers and helped propel Hamilton to a 97-82 victory.

Pace played an outstanding game at the point guard position tallying 21 points. McCann also had 21 points, and D'Agata (11) and Mrozienski (12) rounded out the double scorers for Hamilton. Kori Brown '95 gave the Continentals a huge boost off the bench in the first half by tallying 9 points and numerous steals and deflections as a defensive menace. Kevin Larson (6), Al Lewis (6), and Matt Stowell (7 points) all played big roles in the victory.

On Tues., Dec. 6, the Continentals returned to the Hill for their home opener against Hobart. Paced by D'Agata, who finished with 26 points, and Mrozienski, who scored 23 and pulled in 11 boards, the Continentals cruised to a 98-91 victory before 450 fans in the fieldhouse.

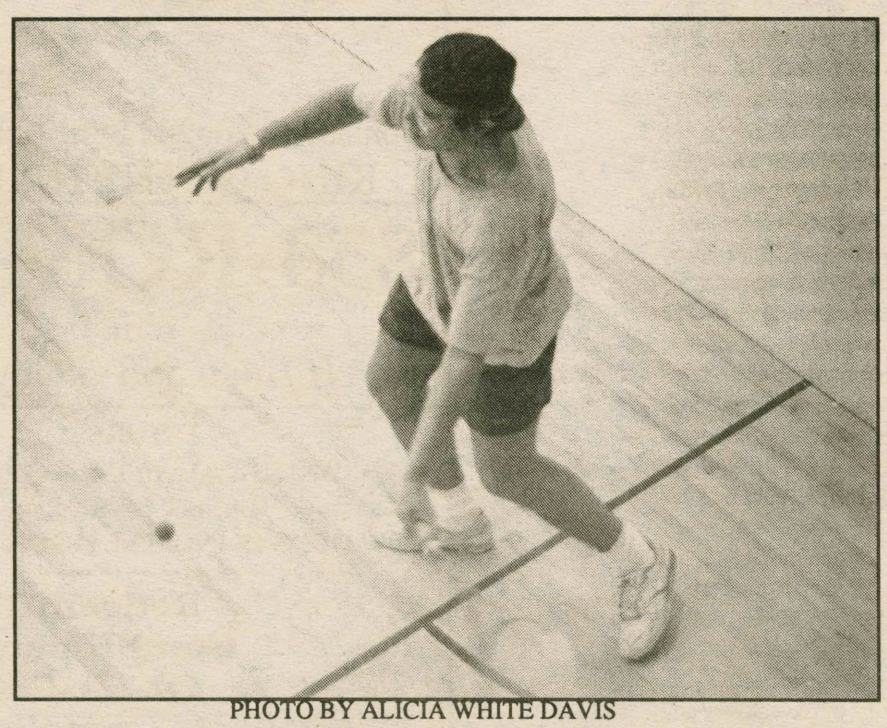
Hamilton's next opponent is traditional rival Hartwick College on Friday, Dec. 9. After those games, the Continentals will have a few days off for exams and Christmas before they head back to the Hill to prepare for their trip to beautiful California and the rest of the season.

Despite many setbacks, the men's squash team ends this semester 4-5

BY SPECTATOR SPORTS

Heading into the '94-95 season, prospects looked bleak for Hamilton's Men Squash team. Last spring, both of the two captains, Scott Tucker '94 and Mark Havens '94, graduated. The squad also lost their coach, Laurie Whitsel,who had done a magnificent job in building them into a Top 20 powerhouse. Also, two first-year phenoms in the '93-'94 season, Ashok Childs'97 and Mark Mijangos'97, were taking leaves of absence. On top of all this, all N.C.A.A. coaches voted at the end of last year to switch to softball, a style of squash that has been played for decades in England and India but only for a couple of years in the U.S.

As a result of all these happenings, the men's team, a squad that recruits strongly from the Northeast but not from Pakistan, was forced to learn a brand new style of play and use it against collegiate rivals whose rosters were partially filled with international students. In softball, the ball travels much slower compared to hardball and doesn't bounce as much before dying. The absence of Childs hurts here the most because even though he was ranked only#4 on the team last season, he was ranked nationally for his age group in softball and would've been a huge plus for the Continentals this season.



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However, there was good news for the team coming into this season. Eric Allanson has been hired as the new coach and has promised to whip the players into shape. Three seniors and one junior, who were studying and working abroad in the second semester of last year, are back and raring to go. They are Rob Carrigg '95 (#10), co-captain Matt Sykes '95 (#4), Macrae Sykes '96 (#3), and the other co-captain Shep Wainwright '95 (#2). Also, the Continentals picked up Jon Hale '97 off the transfer wire from Hobart, and he is currently seeded 6th. Unlike the '93-'94 squad that at one point had seven first-years on the roster, this year's club has only two: Owen Grant '98 (#9) and Rob McKenna '98 (#13). Rounding out the rest of the team are veterans Doug Prezzano '97 (#1), Avery Cook '97 (#5), Mills Chapman '97 (#7), Pete Stein '96 (#8), Tripp Ridder '96 (#11), and Chris Toomey '97 (#12).

The team's first tournament came on the weekend before Thanksgiving as they drove to Williamstown, Mass. for the Williams Invitational. On Friday afternoon the Continentals squared off against a strong Williams team that routed them 9-0 overall. The lone bright spot came when Grant, who was an alternate playing #10, beat Corey Modeste 3-0. Later that

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